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In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CLIFF BAKER

I, Cliff Baker, make the following statements based upon my own personal knowledge and under penalty of perjury.

1. I currently reside at 2118 S. Seventh Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.
2. I have nearly 50 years' experience in the plastics industry. I started with Hoover Ball Bearing in the early 1960s, which later sold out to Johnson Controls. I left Johnson Controls to start my own firm, Plastics USA, a company which I ran from 1980 to 1982. I am currently an owner and founder of Martini Golf Tees, a company that produces high-performance virtually unbreakable plastic golf tees. While my particular area of expertise is in production machines such as molding machines to fabricate plastic parts, I have a broad understanding of types of plastic materials and properties.
3. My patent attorney, John G. Posa, asked me to render an opinion regarding the term "structural plastic." I am familiar with this term, and based upon my extensive experience, articles formed of structural plastic are least semi-rigid, sometimes rigid articles. Since structural plastic articles are capable of being self-standing or self-supporting, I would not consider a plastic film that drapes over or hangs loosely to be a "structural plastic."

Date: March 3, 2010


Cliff Baker